

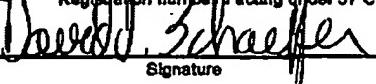
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<b>PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)</b>		Docket Number (Optional)
FY 2005 <i>(Fee pursuant to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005 (H.R. 4818))</i>		448563/0163
Application Number 09/312,073		Filed May 13, 1999
<b>For INK CARTRIDGE AND INK-JET PRINTING APPARATUS</b>		
Art Unit 2863		Examiner Michael P. Nghiem
This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application.		
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<u>Signature</u> 		March 18, 2005 Date
<u>David L. Schaeffer</u> Typed or printed name		(212) 806-5400 Telephone Number

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Application Number	09/312,073
Filing Date	May 13, 1999
First Named Inventor	Minoru Usui, et al.
Art Unit	2863
Examiner Name	Michael P. Nghiem
Attorney Docket Number	448563/0163

**This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.**  
Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) or case 2.

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- L  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_

D  Other \_\_\_\_\_

- Enclosed



## 2 Miscellaneous

- Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required.)

3 Fees

- Fees** The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

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Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.138 and 1.17) **\$ 330.00**

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Signature	<i>David L. Schaeffer</i>	Date	March 18, 2005
Name (Print/Type)	David L. Schaeffer	Registration No.	32,716

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